

## PINEAPPLE INDUSTRY IS SORT OF 'BUTTON-BUTTON' GAME THESE DAYS

Grower Going Broke, Cannery Making No Money, or Little, Yet Consumer Pays Much

Canning is now on in full swing at the local pineapple factories, and the big machines are at work from early day to late at night taking care of the ripe fruit which is coming in and which demands immediate attention. There is much talk this year, as there has been for several years, concerning the status of the pineapple business. People who use canned pineapple as a food, who pay from 25 cents to 35 cents and higher for their cans, and who hear this constant talk of the miserable condition of the market—such people, if they be thoughtful naturally ask the question why it is that pines in the cans cost what it evidently so much more than the pines in the field, which latter are everywhere in Hawaii a drug on the market.

The pineapple question, when one begins to inquire into it, becomes a sort of "button, button" game, with the emphasis on "who has the button?"

An examination soon shows that the producer, while in the old days he used to sell for \$20 the raw pines that had cost him on the average \$14 to raise, now sells them after the same production cost for from \$5 to \$7.50 per ton. It is quite evident that the producer is not getting rich at this business.

A great many people say that the cannery is responsible for this, and so the cannery for the major part of the pineapple comes in for a great amount of hard criticism. The canneries of the city—there are five important ones—hire their laborers at a small wage and pay a small price to the producer for his pines.

Consider the cannery, how he grows; he does not, neither does he plow. Every cannery in town will tell the investigator that he is not getting exceedingly rich at his business. Here are his facts:

The cannery buys pines either from the small holder, or he raises them for himself. In either case the final result is practically the same. Pineapples, any way that he secures them, cost him in general the same amount of money.

The purchase price of \$5 to \$7.50 has been mentioned. In addition to this there comes a series of risks and expenses that would stagger the small man considering going into the business. The packer must pay freight from Wahiawa, Waipio or Halemanu, the chief sources of Oahu pines. This freight is paid at \$3.75 per ton. He must also pay freight on return, an additional sum of \$2.50 for each hundredweight, the boxes being made heavy to stand the strain of handling.

Then there is the cost of cans, boxes, labels, advertising, laborers, machinery, electricity, and so on. There is the risk of defective fruit, of defective cans in which the canned fruit spoils, and which have to be made good to the buyer. At the end of this time the packer puts his goods on the market at a price this year of \$1.50 per dozen or 12 1-2 cents each for the No. 2 1-2 size, and \$1.10 per dozen, or a very little over 9 cents, for the \$2 tall. These cans sell regularly for from 25 to 35 cents in the states.

In addition there is a trade discount which the packer allows, amounting to 1-2 per cent on the purchase price and furthermore a cash discount of three per cent for immediate payment. A summary of the respective prices of pineapples, peaches and pears for the past 10 or 12 years shows that the former has gradually decreased, while the two latter have held practically the same throughout.

Prominent packers say that the large profit goes to neither the packer nor to the retailer, but to the middleman, or men, as the case may be. The pineapple situation is unique, in respect to the fact that nearly all the pineapples used in the United States are produced in these islands, and that the crop comes on with such a

rush and to so great an extent that an enormous expenditure of capital is necessary in a short time. The packers are not storing money in the banks. They are putting it into machinery.

The jobber, who lives generally in New York or other large eastern cities, knows the condition of things in Hawaii in the matter of pineapples, and he goes, therefore, to the retailer or wholesaler at the very beginning of the season when the prices come out. The would-be buyer is told that there is no haste needed, that it is always better to wait to see if prices will not decrease. "If the packers here would hang together," say the packing men, "there would be a different state of affairs. The jobber could be abandoned, and the retailer secure his fruit from the packer direct, and pass it on cheaper to the consumer."

This, according to local packing experts, is the ideal of the packer.

The final result of the present system is this: Before the summer is over, someone who has been to a big expense in getting his fruit in cans, and who as yet has sold none of it, begins to get fearsome at the way in which the buyer is holding aloof. Bargains at reduced prices are struck, and toward the end of the summer the first big shipment of pines is sold. This breaks the price, and others have to follow to protect themselves. So ends the history of the canned pines.

### DAILY REMINDERS

"Her triumph"—discovering the Sweet Shop, so they say.

For your typist's sake, buy Lehua Carbon. (Hawaiian News Co.)

Round the island in auto, \$4.00. Lewis Stables. Phone 2141.—Adv.

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Pure ice, when and where you want it. Just phone 1128—Oahu Ice Company—the company that employs courteous drivers.

The newest and nicest popular songs and dance tunes are to be found at the Bergstrom Music Co. Every steamer brings the latest hits.

Heavy reductions on all men's and boys' clothing and haberdashery in the present store of the Ideal Clothing Co., 84 Hotel street. None of the present stock will be moved to the new home, two doors below.

If you are going to the coast you might do well to convert your funds into A. B. A. travelers' checks at the Bank of Hawaii, Ltd. These travelers' checks are much handier and safer than actual money.

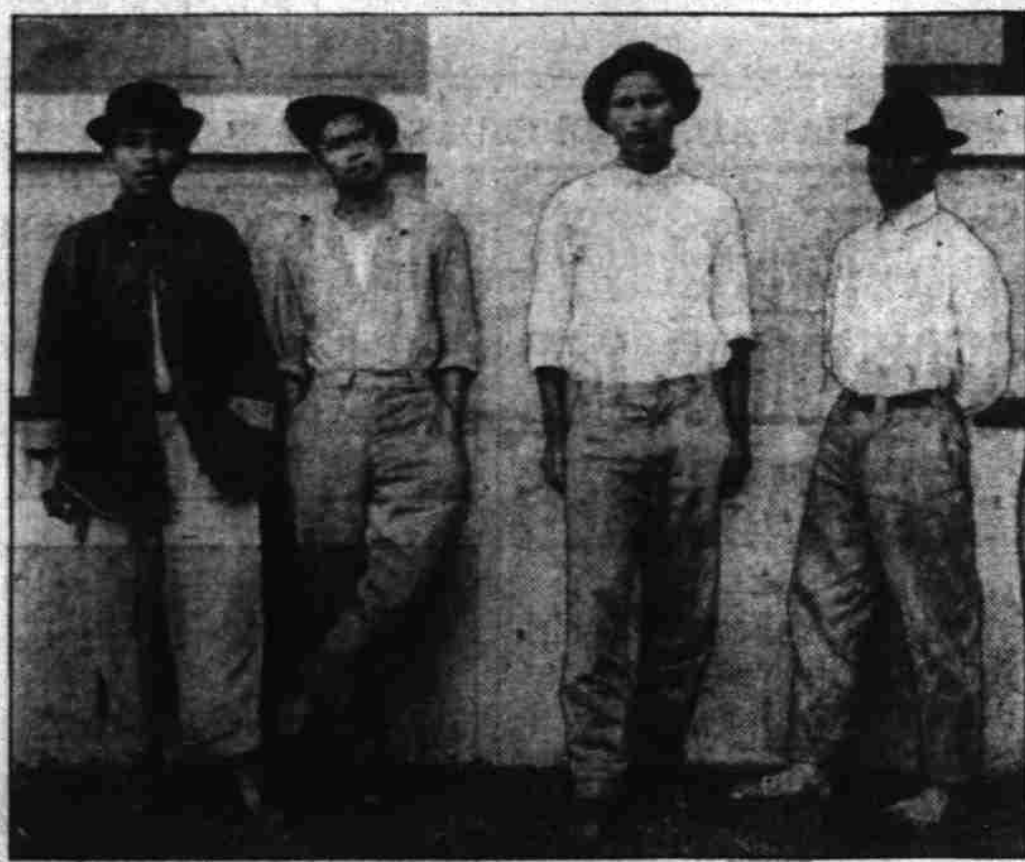
Great strides are being made in linking up the whole Pacific region with Honolulu by means of Mutual Wireless. You can now talk to Pago Pago and Suva, and soon "connection" will be made with New Zealand, Australia and Tahiti.

Handsome handbags, in leather or silk, are on display at Wichman & Company's for only \$5 and up. And they have some exquisite shirtwaist sets of pines, in gold, at low prices. Wichman & Company's store is always a most interesting place to visit.

An ancient case, arising out of a bankruptcy matter, and which was instituted more than a year ago, has been wiped off the federal court calendar. In an opinion handed down by Judge Sanford B. Dole today it is held that a conveyance extended by Ah Chap, a Chinese, to his wife, is void, as it was an attempt to defraud creditors.

"You say you were watching the boys fight, and one of them hit you?" "Yes'm." "Didn't you protest?" "Yes'm ah" then—then both of 'em hit me." —Buffalo Express.

## Kauai Murderers Convicted



Left to right—Witness Florentino, Feliciano Hirano, Ponciano Colarte, Juan Coronel.

One of the most horrible crimes in the history of Hawaii has been brought home to the criminals and as a result three simultaneous hangings are likely.

A. L. C. Atkinson, sent to Kauai as a special assistant attorney-general to try several important cases, has reported to the attorney-general's office the conviction of Juan Coronel, Feliciano Hirano and Ponciano Colarte, three Filipinos. On June 16 of this year a Japanese vegetable gardener named Wada living near Kilauea, in a house three miles up the mountain, was murdered. Mrs. Wada was beaten over the head with an iron bar and is now in the hospital, mentally deranged. Two children were shot. Both will recover. A third child was shot at but missed. Then the Filipinos set the house on fire but the eldest son dragged the body of the father and the unconscious mother out of the house.

The motive for the deed was robbery. The Japanese was supposed to have several hundred dollars in the house but the murderers got only about \$5.

The trial lasted four days. Special Assistant Atkinson appearing for the prosecution and Attorneys Kaneakua and Kaulukou for the defense. Sentence will be imposed tomorrow on the convicted men.

## HURRY AND PASS REPORT ON LUAU AFFAIR AT PARK

Supervisors Deplore Incident and Express "Mortification"; Hold No One Responsible

The report to the supervisors of the committee of the whole, concerning the affair of the mayor's luau, when United States soldiers and sailors were kept out of Kapolani park, was finally passed with a rush last night by the board of supervisors.

The report was not adopted in its original form, which fixed the blame for the order to the police upon Mayor Lane. It had been amended so as to blame no one, and merely deplores the incident.

The exonerating resolutions dated May 27, have been shelved for almost two months, but were hastily dug up yesterday when the Star-Bulletin announced that Maj.-gen. W. H. Carter had written to Sheriff Rose asking for a reopening of the case.

It is understood that Gen. Carter's action is the result of several exchanges of letters with Washington, a complete transcript of the evidence having been sent to army headquarters at the national capital.

The resolutions adopted last night by the supervisors follow, in full:

"To His Honor the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors.

"City and County of Honolulu.

"Gentlemen:

"The committee of the whole, to which was referred the communication of Gen. W. H. Carter, commanding the Hawaiian Department, U. S. A., alleging discrimination against the uniform of the United States forces, and complaining in particular of the conduct of a certain officer of the Honolulu police, on the occasion of the mayor's luau to the congressional party at Kapolani park on the evening of Tuesday, May 4, 1915, having conducted a public investigation of the matters related in the said communication, would respectfully submit its findings and recommendations as follows:

"1. That the sheriff, on the evening in question, on the request of the mayor, appointed a police detail for duty at Kapolani park.

"2. That the said police detail excluded from the public baths section of the park, where the luau was held, all enlisted men of the United States army and navy who sought admission as spectators of the festivities.

"3. That certain police officers in carrying out orders for such exclusion, acted and spoke to United States soldiers and sailors in an offensive manner, indicating a lack of self-control and judgment which should render them liable to severe discipline.

"4. That the board of supervisors of the city and county of Honolulu, on behalf of the municipality and its citizens, hereby expresses its profound mortification and regret that the United States uniform was discriminated against, by apparent official authority, on the occasion herein mentioned.

"5. That copies of this report of the committee of the whole, with certificate of its adoption by the board of supervisors in regular adjourned session, be transmitted by the city and county clerk to Gen. W. H. Carter, commanding the Hawaiian Department, U. S. A., Admiral C. B. T. Moore, commandant of Honolulu naval station, U. S. N., and Charles H. Rose, sheriff of the city and county of Honolulu.

"Respectfully submitted,

"DANIEL LOGAN, Chairman."

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## GOVERNOR SAYS HAWAII'S MONEY WAS WELL SPENT

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planning and carrying through this water pageant. He did a fine work with it."

The governor was kept pretty busy up and down the coast with formal and informal entertainments of various kinds, a number of functions taking place where he was with the executives of several states.

Deeply interested in the merchant marine and in Hawaii's maritime future, the governor spoke on several occasions upon the development of the country's marine, both for trade purposes and as a reserve training in case of national need for naval activity.

"We must pay more attention, we must get down to facts and plan definitely for the future of the American merchant marine," he said today, and he intimates that it is a subject upon which more national attention will shortly be directed.

Without committing himself to the idea of ship subsidy as a national aid, the governor makes it plain that this is a subject which must receive earnest attention from the American people and that it will be advantageous to Hawaii to arouse local interest in ways and means to encourage the marine.

In the course of a general talk on Hawaiian topics this morning, the governor indicated as matters which deeply interest him the encouragement and further upbuilding of the national guard, businesslike administration of territorial health matters, the attraction of tourists to the islands and giving them the maximum amount of pleasure in their stay.

hands at \$8 per share. The company is capitalized for \$400,000, with 40,000 shares of a par value of \$10 each.

The San Carlos company owns a sugar central, or grinding plant, in Occidental Negros, Philippine Islands. The company grows no cane, but mills that brought to the central from surrounding plantations, and has had its plant in successful operation for about two years. A. D. Cooper of Honolulu promoted the enterprise, and most of the company's stock is held locally.

Census Man—How old are you madam? Lady—Twenty-five. Census Man (gallantly)—You could easily say you were five years younger than you are. Lady—Oh, I've done that already.

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## PLANS FOR NEW BOATS WILL BE SENT TO PILOTS

Plans for the two proposed pilot boats are to be submitted to the pilots of Honolulu and Hilo harbors, before any definite arrangement for the building of the boats is made by the harbor commissioners.

This was the decision reached at the harbor board meeting today. Three sketches of boats have been submitted by E. B. Shock, a naval architect in Seattle, and it is probable that the boats will be modeled after one of these drawings.

After the decision in regard to the style of boat is reached by the pilots, more detailed drawings will be requested of Mr. Shock, who is to receive a compensation of five per cent of the cost of the boats for his services in furnishing drawings, plans, and specifications. The board authorized the payment of several bills. The next meeting is on Saturday at 1:30.

## MOTOR TRUCK IS SMASHED UP BY BOY JOY RIDERS

Shortly after noon yesterday a Japanese doing business in Liliha street began a frantic search for his stolen motor truck. In the meantime the big truck, with a small Japanese boy, aged 13, at the wheel, was winding its way along King street in the direction of Waiwai.

Beside the youthful drivers, the truck was occupied by four other sons of Nippon, a Chinese boy and a Hawaiian boy. When they got to Waiwai the boys turned the truck around and started for town via Punchbowl. When it was found by the owner near a garage in Liliha street, one of the tires had blown out, a lamp was smashed and a fender considerably battered and scratched.

Police Officer Perry located the joy riders and at 1 o'clock this afternoon they were up before Probation Officer "Johnny" Anderson for a hearing. They confessed. The Hawaiian boy was at the bottom of the plot to annex the truck, and he also drove it from Waiwai into town, one of the youngsters testified. This witness said they wanted to go to the park to get dates.

The Hawaiian boy, who comes from a well-known local family, has been before the juvenile court on three previous occasions, one charge being the stealing of an automobile. He may be sent to the reform school. The other boys may be released on probation, as Anderson says this is their first appearance in court.

## ADD SAN CARLOS STOCK TO LIST ON EXCHANGE

The Honolulu Stock and Bond Exchange today formally listed the stock of the San Carlos Milling Company, Limited, which will hereafter come up at the daily call.

There was one deal made in the new issue today, five shares changing

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